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September 26, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 4 AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000772 - Project No. 7401, Line A, Low Flow Diversion 110 feet North of Neilson Way, City of Santa Monica (4), Clarke Contracting Corporation, with changes in the amount of \$1,353.92, and a final contract amount of \$833,289.08.

Project ID No. RDC0014719 - Telegraph Road at Ceres Avenue, vicinity of La Mirada (4), Christopher R. Morales, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$2,824.70, and a final contract amount of \$105,904.34.

Project ID No. RMD5547076 - Wauconda Drive, et al., Slurry Seal, FY 2005-06, vicinities of Elizabeth Lake and Palmdale (5), American Asphalt South, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$9,433.98, and a final contract amount of \$256,073.98.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000772, RDC0014719, and RMD5547076.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from \$1,353.92 to \$9,433.98, while the total values of the contracts range from \$105,904.34 to \$833,289.08.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000772, PROJECT NO. 7401, LINE A, LOW FLOW  
DIVERSION 110 FEET NORTH OF NEILSON WAY (City of Santa Monica),  
Supervisory District 4

Contractor: Clarke Contracting Corporation, 4646 Manhattan Beach Boulevard,  
Lawndale, California, 90260

### Project Description:

Construction of a control system, pumps, and discharge pipes; reinforced concrete box, transition structures, low-flow diversion weir, stormwater trash sediment separator, and sump; and other appurtenant work.

### Change in Work:

Electrical Service

\$1,353.92

### Description of Change:

The original contract called for an allowance of \$10,000 to provide electrical service to the new facilities. However, the actual cost of providing electrical service exceeded the allowance by \$1,353.92.

The cost for this item will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of this change.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 3, 2006, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount   | \$777,440.00        |
| Actual cost of changes in work previously<br>approved by the Board | 54,495.16           |
| Changes in work authorized by the Director<br>of Public Works      | <u>1,353.92</u>     |
| FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT  | <u>\$833,289.08</u> |

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014719, TELEGRAPH ROAD AT CERES AVENUE (in the vicinity of La Mirada), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: Christopher R. Morales, Inc., 15100 East Nelson Avenue, Industry, California 91744

Project Description:

Installation of traffic signals, striping, and pavement markings, and construction of curb ramps.

Changes in Work:

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| Variations in Bid Quantities | \$2,824.70 |
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes. However, the contractor was granted an additional 37 working days for the time needed to obtain materials for the curb ramps.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 18, 2006, in accordance with the plans and specifications; however, the contractor failed to comply with all the Affirmative Action Reporting Requirements of the contract. Since the contractor has failed to comply with these reporting requirements, we recommend that your Board accept the work of this contract subject to a \$800.00 deduction.

Final Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount  | \$ 88,791.00            |
| Actual costs of changes in work previously approved<br>by the Board | 15,088.64               |
| Changes in work authorized by the Director<br>of Public Works       | 2,824.70                |
| Deduction for Affirmative Action Noncompliance                      | <u>(800.00)</u>         |
| <br>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT   | <br><u>\$105,904.34</u> |

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5547076, WAUCONDA DRIVE, ET AL. ,SLURRY SEAL,  
FY 2005-06 (Los Angeles County - Elizabeth Lake and Palmdale),  
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: American Asphalt South, Inc., P.O. 3610, Fontana, California 92334

Project Description:

Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

Changes in Work

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| Variations in Bid Quantities | \$9,433.98 |
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Description of Changes

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes are based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 11, 2006, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of the time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount                                      | \$246,640.00        |
| Changes in work authorized by the Director<br>of Public Works | <u>9,433.98</u>     |
| FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT   | <u>\$256,073.98</u> |

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